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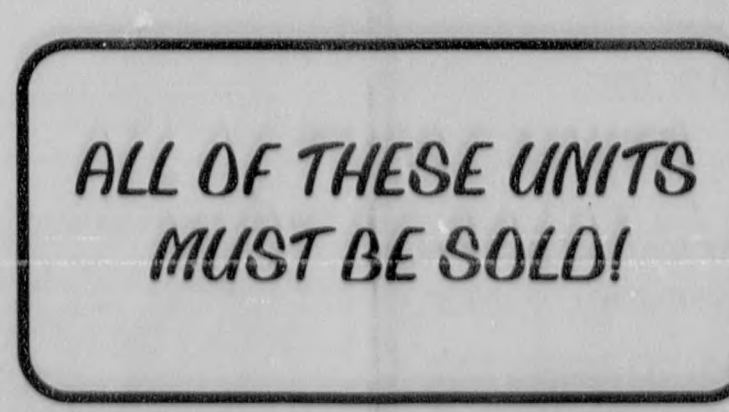
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Coffee County Schools receive report card

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The State of Alabama's State Superintendent of Education released the first report card on each of the 127 local school systems in the state.

This concept of letting the schools know how they are measuring up was initiated by State Superintendent Ed Richardson.

Not only is the report card easy for educators to read, it can also be easily interpreted by parents of children in the system.

The report card provides indicators of the school system's performance and gives it a grade of A, B, C, D or F.

Basically, the report card contains test score data compiled from the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) in grades 3 through 11; the high school exit exam; and the writing tests in grades 5 through 7.

Also included is data on enrollment; average daily attendance; current expenditures per pupil in average daily attendance; the percentage of students eligible for free/reduced price on lunches; percentage of teachers with advanced degrees; percentage of federal and local revenues and local tax effort for schools.

Roger Bowden, Superintendent of Coffee County Schools, stated, "We received a B on the Stanford Achievement Test system wide. This is something we are very proud of."

He added, "Our scores went up in every grade level except grades 3 and 5."

"Our students performed admirably in the exit exam making two B's and a C," Bowden said. "There is room for improvement here and we will strive to do better!"

Bowden has met with each of the principals in the county system's three schools and emphasized to them the importance of doing well on the report card.

Next year, in lieu of a system-wide report card, each school will receive one.

Bowden, the members of the board of education, principals and teachers have placed a high priority on preparing students for the standardized tests that determines the grades given on the report card.

"We ask that each parent also help by seeing that their children attend school regularly, see that they behave in class and do the work required of them," said Bowden.

"Hopefully, together, we can show improvement on a yearly basis. This is the goal that we have established for our schools."

"Hopefully, together, we can show improvement..."
Rodger Bowden

The following is a break-down of achievement and other indicators for determining the grade on the report card.

1. SAT (Stanford Achievement Test) percentile score by grade:

Grade 3 - 60 (1994-95); 54 (1995-96).

Grade 4 - 54 (1994-95); 63 (1995-96).

Grade 5 - 62 (1994-95); 59 (1995-96).

Grade 6 - 53 (1994-95); 69 (1995-96).

Grade 7 - 43 (1994-95); 58 (1995-96).

Grade 8 - 50 (1994-95); 60 (1995-96).

Grade 9 - 52 (1994-94); 62 (1995-96).

Grade 10 - 53 (1994-95); 55 (1995-96).

Grade 11 - 46 (1994-95); 57 (1995-96).

The 50th percentile is the national average on SAT 9 comparing students' performance in reading, mathematics, language, science and social studies.

2. SAT Average:

Grades 3-11: 52 (C+) (1994-95);

60 (B) (1995-96).

3. System OLSAT (Otis-Lennon School Ability Test):

Grades 3-11: 48 (1994-95); 57 (1995-96). The national average percentage is the 50th percentile.

4. ACT Test Scores (1994-95):

20.3. (The national average is 20.8 and the state average is 19.3).

5. High School Exit Exam:

Reading: 92 (B) (1994-95); 90 (B) (1995-96).

Language: 80 (C-) (1994-95); 81 (C-) (1995-96).

Math: 83 (C) (1994-95); 90 (B) (1995-96).

The state average is 86% for reading, 82% for mathematics, and 78% for language.

6. Enrollment:

1,972 students in 1994-95; 2,094 students in 1995-96.

7. Average Daily Attendance:

96.9% in 1994-95; 95.8% in 1995-96. The state average in ADA is 96.1%.

8. Current Expenditures Per Child in ADA (average daily attendance):

\$4,416.00 (1994-95). The state average is \$4,458 while the Southern Regional Board states' average is \$5,220.

9. Free/Reduced Lunch Eligibility:

42% in 1994-95.

10. Professional Certification:

AA Certificate or above: 4.3% in 1994-95; 3.2% in 1995-96.

Master's (Class A) Certificate: 43.6% in 1994-95; 45.2% in 1995-96.

Bachelor's (Class B) Certificate: 52.1% in 1994-95; 50.8% in 1995-96.

11. Total Revenues (1994-95):

Percent State Revenue - 68.1 (state average is 69.3 and national average is 46);

Percent Local Revenue - 18.8 (state average is 19.3 and national average is 46.7);

Percent Federal Revenue - 13.3 (state average is 11.3 and national average is 34.9).

average is 7.2).

12. Mills Equivalent (1995-96):

This total amount of revenue collected locally, minus insurance and tuition, for public school purposes divided by the value of one regular district mill of ad valorem tax. The state average is 36.1 mills equivalent.

Score: 25.56 - Grade: Poor.

Elba City Schools top ranked in state

By Fern Cox, Publisher

The December meeting of the Elba City School Board was upbeat as board members heard plans for Christmas and gloved with pride at recent state education department announcements which place the Elba schools among the top ranked facilities in Alabama.

The Alabama State Superintendent of Education recently issued his grading of all Alabama public schools. Only eleven in the state received an A/B grade. Elba was the only school system in the Wiregrass to receive this high mark.

To commemorate the achievement and stress the importance of keeping up the pace, the administration planned special assembly programs, with key local school and community leaders, to congratulate teachers and students alike.

Donated soft drinks and bags of peanuts were on the menu for the event. Each teacher and student was also given a shirt pin commemorating the achievement award.

Board members acknowledged their pride in the accomplishments of the staff and students, but cautioned it was a high standard to maintain from year to year.

Superintendent Charles Pearce voiced the sentiments shared by the entire board with the following statement, "We do a lot for a winning football team, but when we can recognize our staff and students for academic achievement and people of effort to come tell them how great the accomplishment is, we need to take advantage of it."

Board members were also invited to a Christmas reception at the central office on December 17th.

The board approved the retirement from the elementary school to comply with mandates from the lunchroom of Mrs. Mary Vaughan.

Her retirement is effective on December 31st.

Board members were given an update about ongoing construction projects, including the new bus barn. Pearce explained that the total cost would be \$253,000. This will come from Elba's portion of last year's state bond issue and funds in the system's capital projects fund.

The board officially adopted one new policy and revised two others, state department of education.

The new policy to have a formal evaluation and review of the board policies every year just makes official what was already being done in actual practice.

The two revisions dealt with teachers. One makes it official that professional staff members showing

Holiday Deadlines Given For The Elba Clipper

The Elba Clipper will observe the following deadlines for the Christmas and New Year holidays:

- 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 20th for the Thursday, December 26, 1996 edition.
- 5:00 p.m. Monday, December 30th for the Thursday, January 2, 1997 edition.

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Local conservation district honored with Grand Award

The Coffee County Conservation District of Alabama, represented by Robert English of Elba, Alabama, has been honored as a Grand Award District in the 49th annual Conservation Awards Program.

The event is sponsored jointly by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and The National Association of Conservation Districts.

English represented the district during a work/study program for award winners held December 5 through 9 at the Camelback Inn Resort in Scottsdale, AZ.

Since 1947, the Goodyear/NACD Conservation Awards Program has encouraged and rewarded local effort to protect and conserve soil, water, forests, wildlife and other natural resources.

Winning districts are selected on the basis of their success in developing and implementing an annual plan for delivering district programs and services.

"The success of conservation districts is vital to the protection of our country's natural resources," said Goodyear's Tom Ford, marketing director for off-the-road and farm tires.

"This program assists local districts in their efforts to serve the community and recognizes those that have done an outstanding job of delivering quality conservation programs and services."

Coffee County was one of 57 local conservation districts chosen as grand award winners based on their achievements during 1995. Nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts nationwide were eligible for the award.



ROBERT ENGLISH

State troopers urge motorist to be safe and drive sober

by Marvin McLain, Editor

Alabama State Troopers encourage Alabama motorists to drive defensively, use safety belts and child restraints, obey speed limits and all other traffic laws and abstain from drinking and driving throughout the holiday season.

The month of December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.

Last Friday, Dec. 13, troopers ask the motoring public to join them in driving with their headlights on throughout the day.

This one-day observance was in memory of persons killed and injured by impaired drivers. It also served as a reminder that law enforcement officers will especially target impaired drivers during the holiday season.

All available troopers will be on patrol during peak holiday travel times to arrest drunken drivers, speeders and other hazardous drivers. Troopers will also display red ribbons on their vehicles in memory of victims of drunken driving.

The Alabama Department of Public Safety estimates that seven people will lose their lives in traffic wrecks during the 30-hour Christmas travel period, which begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 24, and ends at midnight Wednesday, December 25.

In 1995, eight people died in traffic accidents on Alabama roadways during a 78-hour Christmas period, six on rural roads and two in urban areas. Alcohol was a factor in at least four of the deaths, and five of the wreck victims were not using safety belts.

The traffic fatality prediction for

TOP GUNS...After the Elba Police Department's individual competition on the firing range, the three shifts and investigation department (The Bureau) lined up and shot in group competition. The Bureau (as the group refers to themselves) were the winners of the Top Gun Award. They are pictured above (l-r): Inv. Johnny Senn, Sgt. Jack Herbert (a member of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department who works out of the Elba PD with the 12th Judicial Circuit's Drug Task Force), Inv. Steve Tolver, and Lt. Freddy Hanchey.



FRIENDLY FIRE...Recently, members of the Elba Police Department participated in some friendly competition on the department's firing range. Officers competed using the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission's 50-round basic police handgun course. After the smoke had cleared the individual winners were determined. They are pictured above (l-r): Inv. Johnny Senn - Marksman 1st Place; Patrolman Andy Gunter - Marksman 2nd Place; Patrolman Kenny Jackson - Sharpshooter - 2nd Place; Lt. Freddy Hanchey - Sharpshooter 1st Place; Patrolman Kevin Burke - Marksman 1st Place; and Patrolman Joe Peacock - Marksman - 2nd Place.

HAPPENINGS

NEEDY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. The annual Needy Children's Christmas Party is set for Friday, December 20, at the home of Judge and Mrs. Gary McAlley. Any individuals or groups who wish to make a contribution may do so by contacting Eva McGrath at 393-2618 during the day or Janet McAlley at 347-0484 after 5 p.m. or mail the contribution to: The Children's Christmas Fund, 609 West College Street, Enterprise, AL 36330.

HOLIDAY CLOSING ANNOUNCED. City of Elba: city offices will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 & 25. Stand-by crews for emergencies with water, electrical, street or sewer will be available by calling the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The ONLY change in the garbage collection schedule will be as follows: Wednesday's route will run on Thursday; New Brockton: city offices will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 & 25; Coffee County: county offices will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 & 25; Veterans Service office in County Complex in New Brockton will be closed December 24 through January 1. In case of a medical emergency call the VA Hospital in Montgomery at (334)272-4670.

COMMISSION MEETING: The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Monday, December 23, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The recycling expansion program the City of Elba launched last week is moving along... along with a few jerks who just dumped all their garbage out beside the collection bins. We urge local citizens to participate and participate properly. They are accepting plastic drink bottles, milk jugs, aluminum and tin cans, cardboard boxes, newspapers and magazines, as well as brown paper bags. They would like to have the labels peeled off and jugs rinsed out. Right after Christmas there will be a special box to collect cardboard boxes, right next to the recycling bin... please bring all your empty, used gift boxes on down!

Our sloppy writing style was the subject of more than one discussion last week. The front page news story about Ronny Hammond resigning from the Industrial Board included a sentence which caused all our old English teachers... yep, we did take English... to be red faced. A sentence reported he was elected to the city council and had to resign. It just stopped right there after resign. In our careless haste, we apparently thought everyone would know it was referring to an earlier sentence about the Industrial Board, but it was wrong any way it is analyzed. That sentence would never diagram on any American chalkboard that Councilman Hammond was resigning from something that wasn't even in the sentence. Ronny should feel flattered to know good Elba folks didn't want him resigning from the city council, even though it took our mistake to get them to voice their thoughts.

Muskingum College, somewhere in Ohio, has bucked the trend in college tuition and sent them by a whopping \$4,000 per year. This has paid for the college without them having to cut student services or education quality. The increase in enrollment more than covered the individual tuition cuts. Bravo for them! It would be great for thousands of strapped parents and students if more institutions of higher learning would follow this lead.

Sweepstakes fans need to be forewarned. Scam artists are alive and working during this Christmas season. One scam they reportedly use is calling and asking for money to "clear" prizes through customs. After milking the victim for two or three checks or money orders, they just disappear and work their scam on someone else. The best way to prevent being a scam victim is "Don't send anyone any money to secure your so called sweepstakes prize." If you do get hit, or even such a phone call, notify the proper authorities.

We went with a church group on the bus to Calloway Gardens last Saturday to see their Christmas lighting display. It was a pleasurable trip with friends... the lights were pretty and the food was good. We are always amazed at how efficiently large attractions such as this handle, and kept entertained, the massive crowds. We first started observing this ability at Disney World years ago and have continued to look and learn. People have been known to compare it to herding cattle and in some respects they are right. There are guides (or herders) to direct you and railings or fences to keep you moving in the desired direction. It works so let's not knock it. Oh, about the Christmas lights. Yes we enjoyed them and are glad we went, but now have been there and done that and don't need to go back any time soon. It would not be as interesting and impressive on an immediate return trip.

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TO APPEAR IN CNN SPECIAL Shandez Daniels, 19 year old Elba youth wheelchair bound from a tragic football injury last year, was the subject of two days of filming from a television crew last week. The film will be part of a CNN show "CNN Presents" reportedly on a Sunday night sometime in February. The film crew visited Shandez, and his family, in his home and joined him Tuesday night at an Elba High basketball game.

Shandez and his mother attended a faith healing service during one of his hospital trips to Atlanta, GA, and this is what brought him into the spotlight again. The four long program is reportedly on the growing belief of faith healing in America.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

DECEMBER 10 Thru DECEMBER 16, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, December 10, 1996, investigated the following incidents: four harassment, one menacing, one property recovery, three thefts of property, one assault, one breaking and entering of a vehicle, and one disorderly conduct.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: one for harassment, one for menacing, and one for disorderly conduct.

Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: fifteen for speeding, two for driving without a license, one for driving while driver's license is revoked, one for an expired tag, and two for driving while driver's license is suspended.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 - Rescue run to Mullins Apts. (12:41 a.m.); River stage - 4.33 feet (6:55 a.m.); Alarm on N. Clayton Ave. (7:26 p.m.); Possible prowler on Co. Rd. 369 (7:36 p.m.); Fight on Martin Luther King Dr. (8:35 p.m.).
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 - River stage - 4.69 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 875 (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardee's (10:34 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 - Disturbance reported in Kennedy Estates (1:06 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Hickman Ave. (4:43 a.m.); River stage - 4.15 feet (6:20 a.m.); Wreck at the intersection of AL Hwy. 87N and AL 203 (by-pass) (12:35 p.m.); Fight reported at Elba Feed & Seed (10:06 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - Alarm at the Laundromat on E. Davis St. (1:13 a.m.); Fight reported on Hickman Ave. (1:50 a.m.); River stage - 4.43 feet (6:50 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 1895 (6:26 p.m.).
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:23 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at the Dairy Queen (8:58 a.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to a residence (3:10 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (5:41 p.m.); Prowler reported on Cedar Lane Dr. (6:42 p.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (10:22 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 - River stage - 4.19 feet (6:27 a.m.); Rescue run to Dorsey's parking lot (11:11 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Riverview Dr. (12:59 p.m.); Alarm on N. Clayton Ave. (7:26 p.m.); Possible prowler on Co. Rd. 369 (7:36 p.m.); Fight on Martin Luther King Dr. (8:35 p.m.).

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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Abuse of Federal Assistance Programs Targeted

With the passage of federal welfare reform legislation this year, incidents of abuse of taxpayer dollars in federal assistance programs should become rare. In separate actions, Congress has passed into law measures to stop 'crazy check' fraud, and to further restrict alcoholics and drug addicts from public assistance.

Today, many disabled children rightly collect benefits from the U.S. Government's Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program and in doing so are also automatically eligible for Medicaid. SSI is a Social Security program which assists the disabled. While this program performs a valuable service for thousands of disabled American youths, there exists a flaw in the system which has led to its abuse by the unqualified.

A 1990 Supreme Court ruling, unfortunately, opened the door for many parents to abuse the SSI program by falsely claiming their children were disabled. The parents found that they could receive SSI checks if their children demonstrated abnormal behavior in school. Many parents encouraged their children to fail psychological evaluations to qualify for these SSI payments, or 'crazy checks' as they are known.

Just how much money were these parents, in effect, stealing from the taxpayers? Some were able to secure as much as \$450 a month tax free for each child - which comes to \$5,400 a year - just from coaching their children to misbehave. To make matters worse, there have been cases where parents have actually placed more than one 'unqualified' child on SSI. So widespread has been

the problem that the number of 'disabled' children collecting SSI jumped from 300,000 in 1989 to nearly 900,000 in 1994. If nothing had been done to stop this abuse as many as 1.9 million children would be receiving SSI by the year 2000.

One of the provisions of the Congressional welfare reform bill, which was signed into law by the President in August, turns off the tap on these federal funds to all but the truly disabled. In short, to be eligible for SSI benefits parents must now show clear and valid medical evidence of severe physical or psychological impairment of their children. No more coaching and no more abuse of taxpayers' dollars.

Earlier in the year, the House and Senate passed similarly important legislation signed by the President on March 29, which halted SSI and Social Security Disability Insurance (DI) benefits for drug addicts and alcoholics. This new law prohibits these federal benefits from going to people whose sole disability is proved to be the direct result of their drug or alcohol addiction. This action was necessary since, in many cases, SSI and DI recipients have been using these benefits to subsidize their addictions at taxpayer expense. They were literally buying their alcohol and drugs with your money.

Americans understand that our society must be compassionate to those in real need. However, we have reached our limit with those who would seek to abuse taxpayers' generosity. By removing the cheaters, it is hoped that hundreds of millions of dollars can be saved and directed to those who truly need our help.

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We get letters.....

Dear Editor:

A recent editorial in the Montgomery Advertiser got my attention. This editorial addressed the problem with higher education - too many two-year and four-year colleges in Alabama - which I attempted to fix two years ago.

I agree with the Advertiser that "If any reasonable standard, Alabama has more institutions of higher learning than it needs or can properly support. Sixteen public four-year colleges in a state of this size and fiscal capacity is ridiculous, and saving 39 two-year schools is no less absurd." (Actually, there are 31 two-year schools.)

"Alabama's appropriateness for higher education-\$962 million in the current fiscal year-places it in this region of the country. The problem is the money is thinly spread among too many institutions and thus tends to foster mediocrity instead of supporting excellence."

"The sensible thing to do, of course, would be to close some institutions, to whittle down the jungle of higher education to a manageable system that meets the state's educational needs at that level while making more responsible use of the taxpayer's money. But this is Alabama where the politicization of higher education is legendary."

Later in the editorial, the Advertiser stated that "The best method for determining which schools to close-and actually getting that accomplished-probably would be a commission on the order of the federal military base closure commission. The members of such a panel would have to be persons of independent mind and big-picture vision for higher education in Alabama."

A commission similar to the military base closure commission is exactly the fix I proposed during the 1995 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature. It got nowhere.

If you agree with the Montgomery Advertiser and me concerning this problem, contact your local legislators. Also write or call me at the address or telephone number listed below.

Sincerely,
Senator Dwight Adams
Alabama State House
11 South Union
Montgomery, AL 36130
(334)242-7885

Dear Mr. Cox,
I felt compelled to write to you about how wonderful our town looks! Coming home from Dothan Sunday night I realized just another great reason for living in a "small" town.

Two places certainly worth mentioning (and there are many more) would be Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bulard's home. Caitlin Calhoun begged her Daddy to "ride her through there" the other evening. Kenneth sure had a hard time explaining why he couldn't. Then of course we must not forget Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Williams' home where Art has made it into a "moving" winter wonderland.

It's pretty amazing what happens when people set out to add to the joy of others through their gifts and talents. We know their lives are blessed indeed. Thanks for all the wonders of Christmas Elba, and remember why we're having this season.

Sincerely,
E.J. Vignola

Card Of Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the love and concern shown to us during the illness and death of our loved one.

The expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness during this time through calls, cards, visitations, food and flowers will always be remembered.

We deeply appreciate the care given by those from Hospice.

The Family of
Totsye Mae Corley
12-19-16

Pain may be eliminated for millions

(SPECIAL) -- A drug that is exciting researchers in the treatment of pain has been formulated into a new product known as "Arthur His," and is being called a "Medical Miracle" by some, in the treatment of debilitating conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, painful muscle aches, joint aches, simple backache, bruises, and more.

Although the mechanism of action is unclear, experiments indicate that Arthur His, relieves pain by first selectively attracting, and then destroying the messenger chemical which carries pain sensations to the brain, thus eliminating pain in the affected area. Arthur His, is an odorless, painless, non-staining cream and is available immediately without a prescription and is guaranteed to work or your money back.

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AREA DEATHS

TOTSYE MAE CORLEY

Totsye Mae Corley, age 69 of Elba, Alabama, died Monday, December 9, 1996 at her home.

Visitation was held at Hayes Funeral Home on Friday, December 13, 1996.

Survivors include her husband, Cecil Thomas Corley of Elba, AL; two sons, Brian T. Corley of Tempe, Arizona and Robert W. Corley of Pensacola, Florida; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren.

AMMIE "SKIP" FLEMING

Ammie "Skip" Fleming, age 83, died Monday, December 9, 1996. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 15, 1996 from the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Elba, Alabama, with Min. Jonathan Flowers, Jr. officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include three sons, Wiley C. (Mary) Fleming of Enterprise, AL; Robert Jr. (Dorena) Fleming of Elba, AL; and Willie F. Fleming of New York; 7 daughters, Evie L. Anderson and Jurline Smith, both of Ulica, New York; Corine Williams of Enterprise, AL; Jennie M. Fleming of Dothan, AL; Jimmie L. (Jim) Tyson of Opelika, AL; and Diane (Jim) Coleman of Tennessee; 37 grandchildren; 55 great grandchildren; 6 great great grandchildren; two brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law; a host of other relatives and friends.

ERA LEE SMITH

Era Lee Smith, age 89 of Harpersville, Alabama, died Friday, December 13, 1996.

Mrs. Smith was formerly of Elba, AL. She was living with her daughter in Harpersville, AL at the time of her death and was preceded in death by her husband, Ebur Smith.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 15, 1996 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Campbell Sasser officiating.

Burial followed in the New Hope Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one son, Malcolm Smith of Lakeland, Florida; eight daughters, Annette Tyler of Harpersville, AL; Inez Brooks and Annie M. Wilkinson, both of Union Springs, AL; Dorothy Smith of Lakeland, FL; Margie Daniels of Reform, AL; Betty Phillips of Shirley, Arkansas; Faye Coggins and Martha Langston, both of Elba, AL; one sister, Daisy Darby of Foley, AL; 36 grandchildren; 57 great grandchildren; 6 great great grandchildren.

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ALBENE "SIS" JONES

Albene "Sis" Jones, age 80, died Sunday, December 1, 1996.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 7, 1996 from the Piney Grove Baptist Church of Opp, Alabama, with Rev. Johnny Lawrence officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include one son, Morris Edward (Brenda) Jones of Jonesboro, Georgia; 5 grandchildren; one sister, Gladys Kellum of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; two brothers-in-law; a former daughter-in-law; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

VENDIS M. MORROW

Vendis M. Morrow, age 84 of Enterprise, Alabama, died suddenly in LaGrange, Georgia on Saturday, December 14, 1996.

She was a lifelong resident of Coffee County having resided in Elba and New Brockton before moving to Enterprise in 1965. She was preceded in death by her husband, Felix Marion Morrow.

After a family graveside service at New Brockton City Cemetery, a memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 17, 1996 at St. Luke United Methodist Church with Rev. Glenn Butler officiating and Patterson Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter, Felicia Metcalf of Enterprise, AL; a son, Dr. John Andrew Morrow and his wife, Joyce Benton Morrow, of Anniston, AL; 5 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren.

MARJORIE S. JEFFCOAT

Marjorie Sawyer Jeffcoat, age 81 of Montgomery, Alabama, died Saturday, December 14, 1996 in a local facility.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, December 16, 1996 from First United Methodist Church of New Brockton, AL with Rev. Ben McKee officiating.

Burial followed in the New Brockton City Cemetery with Patterson Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Whitaker and her husband, Charles Whitaker of Montgomery, AL; and Christine Davis of Montgomery, AL; a sister, Eloise Wallace of Enterprise, AL; 6 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren.

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This poem was published in the National Kidney Foundation Newspaper a month after the death, one year ago today, of 12 year old Adam Waddell. His vital organs were donated so that others might have a quality life. It was written anonymously for Adam's parents.

To Dad & Mother

Student Competency In Computer Apps

Last February the State Board of Education approved new high school graduation requirements to meet the mandates set forth in earlier accountability legislation. One new graduation requirement adopted was student competency in computer applications.

This requirement in computer applications can be fulfilled either through a semester course or through competencies developed in traditional disciplines.

The Coffee County School System is meeting these requirements in a seventh grade course entitled Introduction to Keyboarding and in an eighth grade course called Introduction to Business Computer Applications.

At Zion Chapel the seventh grade course is for one semester. Students are taught keying in the traditional manner for approximately nine weeks. After this first nine week period, they are introduced to the word processing portion of a computer application that includes a database and a spreadsheet. During a twelve week course in the eighth grade student competencies are further developed in word processing and then they are introduced to the spreadsheet and database. This is a requirement for all seventh and eighth graders.



ZC's DAR Good Citizen

Hanna Whitth has been named DAR Good Citizen of Zion Chapel High School and of Coffee County.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) sponsored the Good Citizen program. A Good Citizen is chosen after completing a resume of school and community activities and personal information. The final stage of the competition is writing an essay in the presence of a school official. A time limit is imposed.



HANNA WHITTH

Hanna was given a pin and a certificate, as were the Good Citizens from the other schools in Coffee County. However, Hanna was also given a savings bond because she was selected as the county winner. The essay that she wrote will now be submitted for competition at the state level. Hanna attended a luncheon held in honor of the county Good Citizens. She was accompanied by Dr. Linda Ingram, Zion Chapel's principal.

"I would like to thank my parents, family, friends, Dr. Ingram, and the Zion Chapel High School faculty for helping me achieve this place of honor and for preserving the American heritage for future generations," said Hanna.

FBLA Members Hold Mock Meeting

Laura Williams, president of the Zion Chapel Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America, presided over a mock meeting presented for members of the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority for educators.

The meeting was correct according to the rules of parliamentary procedure as presented The Scott, Foresman Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Laura called the meeting to order and Bridget Money, secretary, called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. During the meeting, a main motion, an amendment of the main motion, a motion to limit or extend debate, and a motion to adjourn were made.

The meeting was concluded with the FBLA Emblem Ceremony. During an Emblem Ceremony the significance of each component of the FBLA emblem is described. The FBLA emblem is topped with an eagle whose wings are wide spread in a protective stance. Under the eagle are the words service, education, and progress. These words are indicative of the goals of FBLA. Next come the words, in large letters, Future, Business, Leaders, and America. After the mock meeting, Laura Williams gave a brief speech on appropriate dress for business meetings and Tasha Cooper introduced the FBLA members who were present.

Leadership was the program theme.

for Delta Kappa Gamma and Mrs. Rachel Bryan, FBLA sponsor, volunteered her group to present the program. Mrs. Bryan is also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Bridget Money, Twanna Haynes, Heather Vaughan, Tasha Cooper, Suzanna Stinson, Laura Williams, Kendra Ward, Nicki Daniels, Vanessa McCraney are the students who conducted the mock meeting that was presented to the Delta Kappa Gamma members.



Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Heather Vaughan, Vanessa McCraney, and Laura Williams; middle row - Twanna Haynes, Nicki Daniels, and Bridget Money; back row - Tasha Cooper, Kendra Ward and Suzanna Stinson.

SGA Leadership Conference



Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Amy Collins and Amber Shiver; back row - Kelyn Williams and Daniel Prigden.

The four officers of the Zion Chapel Student Government Association (SGA) attended a leadership conference at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The officers attending were President Amber Shiver, Vice President Kelyn Williams, Secretary Amy Collins, and Treasurer Daniel Prigden.

The conference began at 9 a.m. with speeches from the moderator, the program coordinator, and the introduction of each ESIC Student Government member and each ESIC Mentor. There was also an "ice-breaker" so that those attending the conference could be acquainted with each other.

At approximately 9:45 a.m. the conference participants were separated into groups by birth months and seasons and were dismissed to a series of classes and lectures. The classes and lectures covered subjects such as leadership characteristics, parliamentary procedures, fund raising ideas, and community service projects.

All 10:45 a.m. all the participants were dismissed for a snack of cookies and soft drinks. Classes began again at 11 a.m. and lasted until noon.

The conference was sponsored by the ESIC Student Government Association and ESIC Mentors.

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CO-OP SPOTLIGHT

*** Rebel Basketball ***

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL
The Long High Rebels from Skipperville defeated the Zion Chapel Rebels 47-29 in a game score of 44-5 in spite of the tremendous effort shown by the Zion Chapel Rebels.

B.J. Powell led the scoring for the Zion Chapel boys with 16 points. Kyle Kelley added 5 points and Marcus Taylor had 3 points. Josh McHaffy and James Olson each got 2 points and Tim Finger scored 1 point.

Renea Dismukes and Amy Collins were the only girls Rebels to put any points on the board. Renea scored 3 points and Amy scored 2.

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL
Zion Chapel's older Rebels fared a little better with Long High than did the younger Rebels. The final score was 49-51.

Zion Chapel fought hard to close the gap before going in for the first half but when the horn sounded G.W. Long was ahead 25-29.

After being able to talk about their game plan during half-time, Zion Chapel still could not take the lead at the end of the third quarter when the score was 35-41.

Both teams fought hard the entire game but when the final horn sounded the score was Zion Chapel 41 and G.W. Long 59. From the free throw line Zion Chapel made 6 out of 19. Bo Adkinson scored 11 points to lead Zion Chapel while Josh Faircloth scored 8 points to help in the fight against G.W. Long. Wesley Clark scored 7 points, Joseph Sanders scored 4 points, Ben Pritchett scored 4 points, and Jr. Jones scored 4 points to help in putting points on the scoreboard.

Coach Doug Branson said, "We have played three good teams so far this year but we are a young and inexperienced team; hopefully we will come together as a unit and get some experience and win some games. He said he is very pleased with the hustle of the team at this point and looks for a continuous cohesive effort from each team member."

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Go Rebels!

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Student Spotlight



by Chastity Williams
Kevin Dadd, Sophomore is the son of Jim and Elaine Dadd. He attends the Westside Baptist Church of Elba. His hobbies are playing football, baseball, and roller skating. The thing Kevin likes best about EHS is only having four classes with one being P.E.

Jeaneva Ordan, 8th grade is the daughter of Belinda Ordan. She attends the Bethel A.M.E. Church of Elba. Jeaneva is a member of FFA and the EHS Choir. Her hobbies are playing with her niece and talking on the phone. The things Jeaneva likes best about EHS are the nice teachers and talking to her friends.

Ashley Harrison, 8th grade is the daughter of Greg and Lisa Hanchey. She attends the Liberty Church of Christ. Ashley is a member of Jr.Beta and SGA. Her hobbies are playing the flute, cheering for J.V., and reading. The things she likes best are the new school and block scheduling.

Tim Ware, 8th grade is the son of Emma Ware. He attends the New Philadelphia Church of God in Christ. His hobbies are playing football and basketball. The things he likes best about EHS are the football and basketball departments.

After my city league years were over, I began to play junior varsity football in junior high school. While playing junior varsity, we had pretty good success. My first years were under Coach Mike Harrison, and my last was with Coach Phillips. These years really prepared me for the next level - Varsity.

Varsity football, and football as a whole, has taught me many things. It's taught me discipline, built character, and in some aspect prepared me for life. Hanging up the uniform has been both hard and easy. Hard because I have been playing football with the same people so

long. Yes, Troy, Todd, Bobby, and myself have been in it together from the start. So, it was hard to ever think of playing football without them. On the other hand it was easy. Mostly because, after you have played for so long and you know what it takes, you have a sense of accomplishment.

The time for hanging up the uniform would have come sooner or later, so all it is now is sweet, sweet memories.

by Britany McCall
This week's CO-OP Spotlight student at EHS is Landon Daniels. Landon is in the eleventh grade and works at the Big Bear. His supervisor is Dykes Weeks. His duties include Big Bear are bagging groceries and delivering them to the customers vehicle. Landon has been working at the Big Bear for one year and two months. When Landon was asked what his positive comments were about his job he said that he gets out of tips and has good hours.

Did You Know
The Elba Varsity Basketball Team participated in a Thanksgiving Tournament held in Kingston on November 27, 29, and 30. The Tigers went all the way to playing for the Championship and got defeated by Geneva County. They played really hard against their opponents and received second place in the tournament with Geneva County receiving first place and G.W. Long receiving third place. We are really proud of 3-0 and hope they continue to keep up the good work.

ESJC Happenings
Tide & Decorative Painting at ESJC
Tide & Decorative Painting is such a popular, special interest course, Enterprise State Junior College offers it each quarter. For winter quarter this course is scheduled for Tuesdays, January 14-February 18, 6:00-9:00 p.m. The registration deadline is January 7. As always this course provides instruction for beginners and advanced painters. Painting will be done with acrylics on wood or metal. Students will learn how to prepare a project to be painted, how to select proper tools and materials, and how to use appropriate brush strokes. There is a \$30.00 fee for this course. Students may bring their own supplies (bring them to the first class meeting), or they may purchase supplies for approximately \$30-\$50. Additional painting supplies will be available for approximately \$5.00 each. Students must be at least twelve years old. The class is limited to fourteen. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The girls both realize that Santa can't possibly bring them everything on their wish list, but to make certain that they do get at least something that they want, both made a list that was easy to follow. Melanie's list was short, but written on a large piece of posterboard, while Melissa actually cut items out of the ad sheets in the paper and put them together in a bag. They won't get everything they want; however, they did make it at least a little easier for Mom and Dad, and Santa!

ELBA TIGERS SEE RECORD SLIP TO 5-3

The Elba Tigers hit the hardwood twice last week and suffered two big losses to see their record slip to 5-3. The Tigers hosted area foe Headland on Tuesday night and dropped a 61-48 decision, then traveled to Goshen on Friday night and got drilled to the tune of 80-58. Elba has a good basketball team and will win their share of games, but they aren't as good as many of the teams on their schedule and will also lose their share of games. If the Tigers will treat each loss as a challenge to improve the wins will outnumber the losses; however, if they let the losses get into their heads, another losing season could be on the way. My guess is that the Tigers will bounce back stronger than ever and post a winning season.

AREA TEAMS HAVE BUSY WEEK ON COURT

The high school basketball season hit full stride last week across the area and it was a pretty good week for the area teams as everyone except Zion Chapel got in the win column. Here's a quick look back...

KINSTON (3-7) hit the court three times last week and lost twice, but the Bulldogs began to put the pieces together and by week's end began to look like a competitive team. The Bulldogs almost pulled off an upset against unbeaten Houston Academy, then late in the week went up to Zion Chapel and claimed a big cross-county victory. The Bulldogs aren't ready to make any predictions about post-season plans; however, they are getting better and are getting a lot of experience early in the season.

NEW BROCKTON (3-5) continued to have to battle hard for the full thirty-two minutes each and every game, but posted two wins in three outings last week and is beginning to look like the Gamecocks that everyone has feared for years and years. The wins over Samson and Georgiana were solid wins over good basketball teams, and should give the Gamecocks a shot of confidence that could carry on for weeks to come.

ZION CHAPEL (0-3) remained winless on the young season, but the Rebels played hard for all four quarters against Kinston and may just be a team to watch before long. The Rebels have a couple of quality players that can put big numbers on the board, and when the rest of the cast is finalized, the wins will come.

BRANTLEY (3-0) continued to roll along in early-season action with a 15-point win over Straughn. The Bulldogs aren't the same type of team that won three straight state championships; however, they are the kind of team that will make their opponents play the entire four quarters, and win more than their share of games. This team has a long way to go, but could be a real contender before the end of the season.

STATE FOOTBALL CROWNS CLAIMED IN B'HAM

The "Super Six" extravaganza took place last week at Legion Field in Birmingham, and when the three-day event drew to an end, there were six state champions that left town with their heads held high. Most of the coaches praised the new format after their games, and despite some bad weather and a field that was in less than ideal shape, it was a very positive reaction that was heard. The star of the show was Clay County, which blanked Lineville 42-0 for its third straight title and 44th straight win, while T.R. Miller led in the final for the second straight year and went home wondering what would have happened if the game would have been played down in Brewton. If nothing else, the first "Super Six" showed that the folks up in Birmingham at least deserve another shot at hosting the event and proving they can do a better job now that they have a year under their belts.

OPP'S DUBOSE POPULAR CHOICE AT BAMA

The officials at the University of Alabama made a wise, and popular choice, last week when Mike Dubose was named the Tide's new head football coach. Dubose was obviously the most qualified assistant coach on the Bama staff, and when the decision was made to stay in house, his selection was one that drew nothing but praise. Dubose came up through the ranks as a player and coach at Alabama, and has already proven that he is going to be his own man with the word that he will replace the Tide's offensive coordinator and open up the boring Bama offense. Now that Coach Dubose is the head man, Bama fans need to remember that it takes more than a few weeks to mold a national champion, and support the new coach from the very first game.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR WRAPS UP SEASON

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator hit on all six state championship picks last week and closed out the season with a playoff record of 74-16 and an overall season record of 457-98. Not bad for a local guesser!

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Sports

Elba Tigers see record slip to 3-5 with 80-58 loss to Goshen Eagles

The Elba Tigers hit the road Friday night to battle the undefeated Goshen Eagles and found the competition a little too tough as the Eagles ripped the Tigers 80-58. The win upped Goshen's record to 5-0, while Elba slipped to 5-3 with the loss.

7th grade Tigers remain undefeated

The Elba 7th grade Tigers hosted the New Brockton 7th grade Gamecocks last Monday night and remained undefeated by claiming an easy 45-10 win. The (5-0) Tigers jumped out to an 18-2 first quarter lead, extended their lead to 28-3 by the end of the half and coasted in with the win.

8th grade Tigers improve mark to 6-2

The Elba 8th grade Tigers pushed their record to 6-2 with an exciting 41-37 win over New Brockton, last Monday night in Elba.

The Tigers fell behind 7-0 early and trailed 11-7 after one quarter of action, but rallied to take a 31-26 lead after three quarters and held on for the win.

Lady Tigers push season slate to 6-2

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers improved their record to 6-2 last Monday night with a lopsided 40-7 win over New Brockton. The Lady Tigers moved out to a 21-0 halftime advantage and rolled to the easy win.

Six state football champions crowned

The Alabama High School Athletic Association crowned its 1996 high school football champions last week in the first annual "Super Six" title games at Birmingham's Legion Field, with one team claiming its third straight crown, one claiming its third title of the decade and three other teams grabbing a title after falling in last year's championship game.

The (15-0) Maplesville Red Devils, the '95 runners-up, capped off a record season by blasting Lynn 45-6 to claim the 1A title. The Devils closed out the season by scoring a state record of 118 points, an all-time state high school record.

The (15-0) Clay County Panthers wrapped up their third straight state Class 2A title by spanking Lineville 42-0. The win in the championship game was the 44th straight win for Clay County, which also set a state record by recording its 11th shut-out of the season.

Colbert County (13-2) claimed its third Class 3A state championship in the past four years by edging past UMS-Wright 25-19 in overtime. Both teams had chances to win the game, but UMS-Wright missed two extra points and Colbert County missed an extra point and a field-goal as the teams battled into an extra period.

Fayette County put the wraps on Round ball tournament set this weekend at ZC

Area basketball fans will get the chance to see some extra action this weekend when Zion Chapel High School hosts the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament.

The three-team event will include action in boys' junior varsity, girls' varsity and boys' varsity competition, and will be held on Friday, Dec. 20 and Saturday, Dec. 21.

In action on Friday night, the Kinston Bulldogs will battle the Highland Home Flying Squadron. The junior varsity game will begin at 5:00 p.m., to be followed by the girls' varsity at 6:00 and the boys' varsity at 7:30.

Zion Chapel will meet the winner of the boys' varsity game on Saturday, with the game times to be 5:00, 6:00 and 7:30.

Lifeguard course is scheduled at ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College will host a Red Cross certified lifeguarding class on March 3-15, from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. The cost of the class will be \$61, and those attending the course will also receive training in basic first aid and CPR.

For more information, contact Dr. Joan Newman at 393-3752. Anyone completing the course will be eligible for employment with the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

New Brockton falls to G.W. Long 70-60

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their record slip to 1-5 last Monday night with a 70-60 loss to the G.W. Long Rebels. Andrae Medley scored a game high 30 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Ben Moates and Jody Hughes both scored 23 for the Rebels.

In Junior Varsity action, the Gamecocks claimed their first win of the young season by edging G.W. Long 45-42. Kellen Cole scored 15 points to lead New Brockton, while Lee Hyde led G.W. Long with 11.

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw their record dip to 0-2 last Monday night with a 60-43 loss the G.W. Long Lady Rebels. LaSanta Cole scored 10 points to lead New Brockton, while Jamie Pruitt scored 15 for G.W. Long.

Brantley runs past Straughn 81-66

The Brantley Bulldogs pushed their record to 3-0 last Tuesday night with an exciting 81-66 win over the Straughn Tigers. Reggie Pruitt scored 25 points to lead Brantley, while Javaree Cooper added 14, and P.J. Austin and Edward Burnett both scored 13. Adam Turner scored 25 for Straughn.

Kinston falls late to Houston Academy 50-48

The Houston Academy Raiders hit two free-throws late in the game to slip past Houston Academy 50-48, last Tuesday night in Kinston. Clay Jordan scored 16 points to lead the (6-0) Raiders.

New Brockton spans Samson 65-53

The New Brockton Gamecocks improved their record to 2-5 last Tuesday night with a 65-53 win over the Samson Tigers. Robert Fleming scored 20 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Andrae Medley added 14 and Enorise Newson scored 12. Wade Rials led Samson with 19 points.

Lady Gamecocks get first win 45-33

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks grabbed their first win of the young season last Tuesday night with a 45-33 win over the Samson Lady Tigers. LaSanta Cole scored 21 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the (1-2) Lady Gamecocks.

Kinston ripped by Geneva County 74-49

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their record slip to 2-6 Thursday night with a 74-49 loss to the Geneva County Bulldogs. Tim Edwards scored 12 points to lead Kinston, while Marcus Williams led (8-3) Geneva County with 14 points. Geneva County made it a clean sweep by winning the JV boys game 52-23 and the girls' varsity game 46-34.

New Brockton runs past Panthers 51-43

The New Brockton Gamecocks grabbed their second straight win Friday night by posting a 51-43 victory over the Georgiana Panthers. Andrae Medley scored 19 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to lead the (3-5) Gamecocks, while Robert Fleming added 10. Melvin Paige led Georgiana with 15 points. The Gamecocks also claimed a win in junior varsity action with a 38-35 victory.

Kinston Bulldogs zap Zion Chapel 66-51

The Kinston Bulldogs claimed their first area win of the young season Friday night by claiming a big 66-51 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Josh Camley scored 18 points to lead the (3-7) Bulldogs, while Allen Bowdoin added 11. Zion Chapel was led by Wesley Clark with 18 points.

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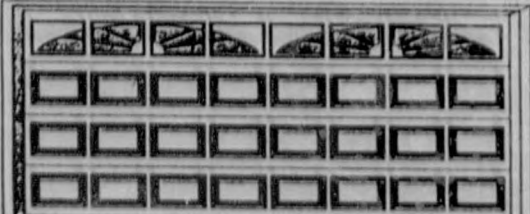
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Social & Community News

Local model makes her mark at modeling convention

On November 21, 1996 and three nerve-racking days to follow, models from around the United States competed in the 20th Annual Models of the South Modeling Convention held in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Among those competing and winning was Amber Shiver, the daughter of Ronnie and Barbara Shiver of Brundidge. Amber was coached by talent consultant Linda Wright, personal coach to people like Candace Hutson who played Molly Newton on *Evening Shade*. "If you aren't properly prepared for this business, be it modeling or acting, you won't stand a chance when your chance comes," says Ms. Wright. "For the past fifteen years, I've conducted workshops all over the south, helping young people just like Amber realize their potential and share with them the tools needed to pursue a modeling or acting career, if an opportunity arises and you're not prepared for it you will be selling yourself short!" continues Ms. Wright.

Amber, along with her mother and her brother, Cade, made a trip to Georgia earlier this year to work with Ms. Wright to prepare for the modeling competition. "Amber is one of those rare young people who put everything she has into whatever she's doing," says Wright. "And even after we've finished with our competition, Amber continues to work on improving herself today," Ms. Wright says.

"I don't think Amber realized herself what an accomplishment she had made by winning two categories at the convention," says Wright. "There were twenty-one modeling schools or groups like ours, competing in this event, and several of them brought models who had been in advance classes for a year. These were the cream of the crop so to speak in this business. Each model there was issued a number, and twenty different agents from New York, Paris, Milano, as well as casting directors and various other scouts, viewed them individually."

Amber Shiver

Linda Wright & Amber Shiver



Amber Shiver

"The Wright agency, which is my group, had a total of six people in the competition, including Amber," says Ms. Wright. "I am pretty hard on the models and my drama students, but believe me it's worth every minute of it when they realize just how much talent they really have, and they have an equal chance at a career because they've worked for it." Wright explains, "Height is a necessity in high-fashion and glamour, but there is a bigger demand than ever for real people, those under 5'7" with healthy skin and hair, and a beautiful smile, like Amber," said Wright.

During the month of October, Ms. Wright conducted a workshop at the studio of Michael Moseley in Elba. He had been taking pictures of several young ladies who had expressed their interest in modeling. Ms. Wright came to Elba, conducted her workshop, and that was the undertaking of a very special project for Linda and Michael. To be able to offer anyone interested in a small town, the same opportunity as others in Atlanta and New York, to be able to put together a model's portfolio, learn the do's and don'ts of the business and obtain the tools it takes to get where you want to go.

"When I first met Michael, I was definitely impressed with his eagerness to learn about the business, and embark on new ideas and techniques needed to provide the public with the best service for their money, we

worked for hours changing outfits, hair and makeup, as well as locations to get the shots we needed of Amber, but Michael loved every minute of it." Wright continues, "Michael is a total professional in a Model Makers Workshop, as well as styling and makeup for the models she felt honored to have been such a

special part of Amber's accomplishments, and extended her congratulations to Michael Moseley for his award-winning photography."

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New Arrival

HOLLAND ELIZABETH STEADHAM

Ronnie and Stephanie Steadham of Greenville, Alabama, are the proud parents of a daughter, Holland Elizabeth Steadham, who was born Tuesday, December 10, 1996 at Baptist Medical Center in Montgomery. She weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. Holland's grandparents are Fred and Kathy Smith of Elba, Marilyn Steadham of Birmingham, and Bill and Pat Steadham of Camden. Great grandparents are Ruth Inman and Fred and Dot Smith of Elba, Sara Snow of Birmingham, and Rillie Colvin of Montgomery.



Mr. & Mrs. Marion Sanders

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Sanders honored on 50th wedding anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Marion and Virginia Sanders honored them with a 50th wedding reception at their home in the Roetown Community, December 1, 1996. One hundred ninety-five guests registered.

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The following local students

Newbia Baptist Church Adult Choir to present "Meet Him at the Manager"

The adult choir at Newbia Baptist Church will be presenting "Meet Him at the Manager", a special Christmas invitation, arranged by Russell Mauldin on Sunday, December 22, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Solos will be performed by Betsy Bradshaw and Brad Allen, and the choir is under the direction of Marie Faulk. The pastor, C.P. Davis, and congregation welcomes friends, families, and neighbors to join the church body for the cantata. A Christmas dinner will follow in the fellowship hall.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS



Amy Farris

Air Force Airman Amy D. Farris has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Grace C. and John B. Farris of Elba, AL and a 1992 graduate of New Brockton High School, New Brockton, AL.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of December 10 through December 16, 1996:

They were: Zoey Moore, Dorothy Smith, John Kimney, Dorothy Parrish, Heather Dubose, James Parker, Debra Grinnham, Ed Marshall, Jane Bass, Alice Hammonds, Richard Moody, Hayden Folsom, Janella Marler, Brian Adkins, Elaine Thomas, Bill Whitton, and Johnny Manning.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Dorothy Crawley, Ray Hussey, Ed Marshall, Ben Jordan, Zoey Moore, Faye Grandham, Dorothy Smith, Elaine Thomas, Richard Moody, Jane Bass, Alice Hammonds, Janella Marler, and Brian Adkins.

Mrs. Sasser's 4-H Group meets at Zion Chapel Elementary

We opened our second meeting of this year, which was on November 8, 1996. Whitney Lipsett lead us in our country's song, America the Beautiful. Then, Jonah McWaters gave the devotion for this month. November's devotion read, the days of summer are dwindling down, and the beauty of autumn is taking its place. Ashley Smith read the minutes of the last meeting, and called the roll. The unfinished business for this meeting was receiving the projects for the upcoming year. Betsy and Karen were unable to attend this month's 4-H meeting. Also, they

were not able to receive their projects for the upcoming year. They will receive them at the next meeting. From last month's elections, Mr. Tabb was unable to take the officer's pictures. So this month the 4-H officers had their pictures taken for the paper. 4-H members also received a booklet with next month's activities. The program for this month's 4-H meeting was Wildlife Trivia. We played an interesting game to learn about wildlife. Finally, the president, Wesley Grant, adjourned the meeting.

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New rates for general service customers, effective December 20, 1996, are:

First	300 Cubic Feet	\$5.000 Minimum
Next	2,700 Cubic Feet	\$0.7330 Per CCF
Next	7,000 Cubic Feet	\$0.6430 Per CCF
Next	10,000 Cubic Feet	\$0.6330 Per CCF
Over	20,000 Cubic Feet	\$0.6230 Per CCF

New rates for industrial customers using the regular industrial interruptible rate, effective January 1, 1997, are:

First	1,000 Cubic Feet	\$4.6600 Minimum
Next	9,000 Cubic Feet	\$4.4400 Per MCF
Over	10,000 Cubic Feet	\$4.2400 Per MCF

For new commercial, housing authority, and seasonal rates, which are effective December 20, 1996, contact the district.

Natural gas prices are volatile at this time, and remain above levels prevailing at the time the district decreased its rates in June 1995. As a result, the District is once again forced to adjust rates. We will continue to monitor gas prices during this period of volatility, in the hope that rate can be decreased in the near future. We will continue to strive to provide the highest quality natural gas service at a reasonable price.

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